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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION BEFORE 30TH UNGA

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE OUR REPRESENTATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 24, SENIOR AUSTRIAN MFA OFFICIALS INDICATED GOA POSITION WAS NOT YET FULLY DEVELOPED BUT THAT IT WOULD LIKELY, WHEN ADOPTED, CONSIST OF SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, ABSTENTION ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND SUPPORT ON PROCEDURAL VOTES. SAME MFA OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THAT UPCOMING KISSINGER BILATERAL WIHAUSTRIAN FONMIN IN NEW YORK WOULD BE OPPORTUNE OCCASION FOR USG TO FURTHER UNDERLINE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH IT VIEWS KOREAN QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 24 POLCOUNS REVIEWED KOREAN QUESTION IN DETAIL WITH MINISTER WEIDINGER, CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICE. EMBASSY REPRESENTATION UNDERLINED FACT THAT US CONSIDERS KOREAN ITEM MOST IMPORTANT ONE BEFORE 30TH UNGA IN TERMS OF US VITAL INTERESTS AND SET FORTH STRONG LEGAL AND POLITICAL ARGUMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL A FOR
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AUSTRIAN SUPPORT OF USG POSITION.

3. WEIDINGER INDICATED THAT GOA POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION WAS STILL IN PROCESS OF BEING FORMULATED BUT THAT HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT THAT POSITION, WHEN FINALLY APPROVED, WOULD CLOSELY FOLLOW AUSTRIAN POSITION IN 29TH UNGA, TO WIT: AUSTRIA WOULD SUPPORT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND PROCEDURAL VOTES ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. WEIDINGER'S EXPLANATION OF PRELIMINARY GOA POSITION WAS ALONG SAME LINES AS HIS RESPONSE TO EMBASSY OFFICER'S DISCUSSION OF SAME SUBJECT WITH HIM ON AUGUST 20, NAMELY THAT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WAS REASONABLE EFFORT TO PROMOTE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE AND WOULD COMMIT PARTIES TO MAINTENANCE OF SOME FORM OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD, IN TURN, CONTRIBUTE TO STABILIZATION IN FAR EAST. IN CONTRAST, HOSTILE RESOLUTION SEEMS TO BE DIRECTED AT UNDERMINING, NOT PROMOTING, PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVING PEACE IN REGION. WEIDINGER VOLUNTEERED THAT HE ALSO MADE FOREGOING OBSERVATIONS TO SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR WHO HAD BEEN IN EARLIER IN WEEK TO SEE HIM ON SAME SUBJECT. HE SUGGESTED, IN RESPONSE POLCOUNS QUERY, THAT USUN MAY WISH TO RAISE ISSUE WITH AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BIELKA WHO ATTENDING UNGA TO FURTHER UNDERLINE SERIOUSNESS OF U.S. CONCERN OVER KOREAN QUESTION.

4. IN FOLLOW-UP TO EMBASSY REPRESENTATION AT MFA, DCM DISCUSSED ISSUE ALSO SEPTEMBER 24 WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER HAYMERLE. HAYMERLE WAS NONCOMMITTAL ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BUT STRESSED THAT MFA HAD IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED EMBASSY POLCOUNS REPRESENTATION TO FONMIN BIELKA IN NEW YORK.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY FEELS SENIOR LEVEL OF MFA, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER, IS NOW FULLY AWARE OF OUR VIEWS ON KOREAN QUESTION AND RECOGNIZES GREAT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO AUSTRIAN VOTES ON ISSUE. WE SECOND THE SUGGESTION OF OUR MFA INTERLOCUTORIES THAT KOREAN ISSUE, IF NOT ALREADY ON AGENDA, BE INCLUDED AMONG TOPICS TO BE RAISED WITH BIELKA IN COURSE OF HIS
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